

FARMERS COULD DO BETTER IF THEY HAD MORE WORKING CAPITAL

University Professors Tell Alliance Audience How Federal Farm
Loans Bill Will Benefit Box Butte County

Prof. C. W. Pugsley, director of the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service and member of the Rural Credits Commission, in company with Prof. W. W. Burr, for several years in charge of United States dry farming investigations, both of whom are officials of the Nebraska College of Agriculture extension service, on Monday held conferences with the farmers and business men of Box Butte county regarding the federal farm loan act as it applies to Box Butte county. The Box Butte County Farmers' Association co-operated with the men in this work.

Professors Pugsley and Burr arrived in Alliance Monday morning. They left for Hemingford via auto at noon with Lloyd and J. W. Thomas of The Herald force. On account of the fact that 400 head of cattle and several thousand bushels of potatoes were being sold at auction at Hemingford at the time scheduled for the meeting there it was decided to hold no meeting. The men visited with the farmers, of whom there were a large number in town, and took several pictures of the dozens of cars being loaded with potatoes, as well as interviewed men who are interested in the new federal farm loan proposition.

Alliance Meeting Interesting
The meeting held in the county court room at the court house Monday evening was attended by men eager to know the details of the new law and to learn at first hand facts and figures. The speakers were introduced by F. M. Seidell, county agent.

Prof. W. W. Burr, who for several years has been in charge of the United States dry farming investigations, was the first to address those assembled, speaking on the subject, "The Relation of Capital to Farming in the Great Plains Area."

"Farmers don't do as well as they know how, due to a lack of working capital," Prof. Burr said, and in the way of illustration pointed out that it was entirely probable that every farmer present had at some time or other been compelled to leave undone things he wanted to do and needed to do, owing to the fact that he didn't have the money to go ahead. Perhaps it was another team he needed in order to make up a four or six-horse outfit or to relieve a team occasionally. Perhaps it was a piece of machinery, or a new shed, etc. They could borrow the money, perhaps, but the interest rate, said Prof. Burr, would be 10 per cent or so, and rather than pay that rate of interest the farmer went without, for it takes a mighty good investment to pay 10 per cent interest and leave something over in the way of profit.

Farming in Plains Different
"Farming in the plains is different," asserted Prof. Burr, "than farming in eastern Nebraska, Iowa, or Illinois. The fact that farming here is different is shown by the numerous failures, although in almost every instance honest effort has been put forth."

"In 1889 the records show that every quarter section had a farmer on it. This is not so now. Why didn't these men make good. They were practical farmers elsewhere. The reason is—as is easily seen now—because farming in the plains is different."

According to Prof. Burr there seems to be a more or less general understanding of what farming is. "Here in the plains," he said, "farmers have been planting corn and wheat and oats and have been neglecting the other phases of the work. Farming takes in all the phases—feeding, the growing of live stock, and the planting and reaping of crops," said the professor.

Reasons for the Failures
"Lack of experience and a knowledge of climatic conditions have been the reason for many failures," believes Prof. Burr. "Now farmers are beginning to realize the difference in climatic conditions in different sections of the country. Here one can't be wasteful of water. The tillage must be conducted in a manner calculated to conserve the water. In the summing up of ten years of dry farming, considering data gathered by the department of agriculture in twenty-three states from Texas to Montana, considering the good years and the bad years, the controlling factor in crop conditions has been climatic conditions."

"A man who understands climatic conditions and who knows how to farm in the great plains region has nothing to fear. If I had money to invest and was looking for the best location, I would rather invest in the cheaper lands of western Nebraska than the high-priced lands of the East," stated Prof. Burr.

Nebraska Mortgages Good Risks
He believes that a mortgage on the lands of western Nebraska is as good a risk as a mortgage on lands anywhere else, in spite of the fact that loan companies have drawn a dead line and said they don't want risks further west than this line. He believes in dry farming, knows how dry farming should be conducted and

says that capital invested in dry farming is safe, but believes it will be even safer when the farmer wakes to the realization that there is a right way to do dry farming. "The farmer should farm as extensively as he has the equipment and capital necessary to handle it," believes Prof. Burr. In this connection he illustrated why he asserted that capital was safe in dry farming, saying: "If, to use an illustration, \$10,000 invested in dry farming will not net the same revenue here that \$10,000 would invested in eastern Nebraska and Illinois, then it is an equally safe investment. It may require more acres with which to accomplish this, but that only means that the land is worth less in actual value, but the percentage of profit is the same on the investment. That is why," says Prof. Burr, "that farmers should farm as extensively as possible."

Labor Must Accomplish More
"Here it is necessary to make the same amount of labor accomplish more results, and to do this it is necessary to farm on a larger scale. That accounts for the fact that the cutter on the mower is longer here, why the harrows are larger, etc. Only a certain amount of labor can be used and so the necessary work must be accomplished by some other means. And right here is where the trouble is—lack of capital with which to provide the necessary tools with which to work is the great excuse for many people. Given the capital with which to do with, results are practically a certainty." It is to provide that necessary capital with which to work that the federal farm loan act was passed, and thus is seen the relation of capital to farming in the great plains area.

Just before closing his talk, Prof. Burr called attention to the fact that it was estimated that \$250,000 worth of potatoes would be sold out of Hemingford alone this year, and stated that he was informed that one man sold \$7,000 worth of potatoes this year. This man who raised a \$7,000 potato crop is said to have stated he could remember the time when he didn't believe there was \$7,000 in the whole world.

Outlines Rural Credits Bill
Prof. C. W. Pugsley was introduced and gave a general outline of the rural credits bill, holding a general conference after his explanation in which he answered questions pertaining to the bill, explaining all parts in detail in a clear, concise manner so that each and every one left the meeting with a genuine understanding of the new federal farm loan bill and particularly as to how it applies to Box Butte county.

"In considering the federal farm loan act," said Prof. Pugsley, "we must consider that it is now a law. If there is anything good in it we want to know it, and if there is anything bad in it we want to know it. From the start we want to realize that the determining factors in relation to this act are capital and labor."

Plains Mortgage Risks Good
"There is no reason why mortgages on land here are not as good risks as mortgages on land farther east, and there is no reason why the farmers of western Nebraska should pay a higher rate of interest than do the farmers of eastern Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois," stated Prof. Pugsley.

"It is not the land that makes the risk good—it is the labor together with the capital that is used to make the land productive that makes a good risk. As was stated by Prof. Burr, if \$10,000 in western Nebraska will produce the same profit on the investment as \$10,000 invested in the east, then they are equally good risks. Of course it may require more acres to accomplish the result here but the capital and labor invested is the same. In the east more labor and less machinery is used, while here more machinery and less labor is used, while the acreage here is larger than farther east. Thus it averages up about the same."

Law Provides for Twelve Banks
"The federal farm loan act provides for twelve central banks, to be located not before the first of January. These banks will do business with groups of farmers in their district. In order to receive the benefit of the law, farmers must organize themselves into national farm loan associations with not less than ten members at the start. Each member must be a borrower and each borrower must not only be a landowner but he must be a farm operator. Sums of not less than \$100 or more than \$10,000 can be borrowed. Money may be borrowed to fifty per cent of the appraised value of the land and twenty per cent of the appraised value of the buildings. The appraisement will be made by a committee of three members, not including the owner of the land. Another appraisement will be made by a special appraiser working for the land bank, and from these two appraisements the final appraisement will be determined by the board

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PROCLAMATION

Realizing the importance of civic co-operation with regard to the protection of life and health, I, Penrose E. Romig, mayor of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby set aside the week of October 23rd as "CLEAN UP WEEK."

"The importance attached to a movement of this kind should stimulate in every person in the city a desire to make a special effort in cleaning up their places of all rubbish of every sort."

I therefore urge that all organizations of commercial endeavor, societies, clubs of public welfare, school children and all those interested in a better and cleaner Alliance co-operate in this movement.

PENROSE E. ROMIG, Mayor.
Dated this 17th day of October, 1916.

VAGRANT SHOT THROUGH SHOULDER BY OFFICER

Man Who Was Begging in West Part
of City and Who Insulted House-
wife Resists Officer

Friday a report came to the city authorities that a vagrant who had been begging from place to place had insulted one of the good wives living in the west part of the city. Officer Wheeler, in company with two others, drove to that section of town and arrested a man who gives the name of Henry Kanary.

Kanary was picked up and ordered to get into the car, which he did, but immediately changed his mind, remarking, "I'll be d—d if I'll go," and immediately attempted to get out. There was trouble immediately.

Kanary started for Officer Wheeler, who fired his revolver in an effort to scare the vagrant, but there wasn't any scare in him. He attempted to "get" the officer. Wheeler thereupon attempted to hit Kanary over the head with his gun and in so doing discharged the weapon, a bullet entering Kanary's left shoulder. He was good then. The injured man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where the bullet was extracted.

Wednesday morning Kanary pleaded guilty before Judge Roberts in municipal court to the charge of vagrancy. He was given a fine of \$15 and costs or ten days in the city jail. He did not pay his fine.

HOT SPRINGS AND ALLIANCE ELEVEN'S BATTLE FRIDAY

Record-breaking Crowd Expected to
Witness Exciting Foot Ball—
Accept No. Plate Challenge

Local football enthusiasts are expecting to see one of the largest crowds ever in attendance at a football game here at the game Friday between the eleven from the Alliance and Hot Springs, S. D., high schools. Alliance has been either exceedingly fortunate this year or else have an extraordinary team, for they have not been defeated so far. Coach Crawford is confident that the Alliance high school will not have to take hats off to anyone this year, but asks the encouragement and support of all that assurance may be doubly so.

A booster club has been formed, which is calculated to put the pep and ginger in the game, increase the attendance, work up interest, and last but not least to help the home boys win. Tickets for the Friday game, which entitle the purchaser to membership in the booster club, are being sold at 50 cents. The local management will be under heavy expense in bringing this team here from Hot Springs and all assistance possible is needed.

A fence has been built about the field and spectators will not be allowed to crowd in. Cars will be parked in a space at the end of the field reserved for that purpose.

The North Platte high school has challenged the Alliance team because of the record in winning from Scottsbluff and Chadron Normal. Alliance has accepted the challenge and the game will be played at North Platte on November 17th.

Following is the Alliance line-up for Friday's game:
Davenport, captain and full-back; Fenning and Butler, right half; Lotzpeich, left half; Dickinson, quarterback; Yanders, center; Thomas, right guard; Snyder, right tackle; Edwards, right end; Bennett, left guard; Donovan and Ralls, left tackle and Burns, left end.

AGED MAN FELL DOWN OPERA HOUSE STAIRS—UNINJURED

William Morris was exceptionally fortunate in escaping injury Saturday night when he slipped and fell full length of the stairs at the opera house Saturday evening. He had been attending the speech of Senator Hitchcock and was forced to leave the room to get a breath of fresh air. As he started down he slipped and kept going until he reached the bottom. Although an elderly gentleman Mr. Morris was able to walk to his home after resting a short time.

"Here Poverty is a Help.
It is the effort by which he throws off the yoke of poverty that enlarges the powers."—David Starr Jordan.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES SPOKE SATURDAY NIGHT

Largest Political Meeting in Alliance
This Year Attended by 400
People at Opera House

United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Omaha, accompanied by Ed McDermott of Kearney, candidate for national representative, addressed a large audience at the opera house in Alliance Saturday evening. The attendance at the meeting was over 400, the largest political meeting of the campaign in this city.

H. E. Gantz of Alliance, chairman of the Woodrow Wilson club, presided at the meeting. Mr. McDermott spoke first and made a strong impression on the audience. He is an orator of ability and that he is a deep thinker was shown by the telling facts which he presented during his talk. He was roundly applauded at the close of his speech.

Senator Hitchcock spoke for an hour, devoting most of his time to a resume of the accomplishments of the administration. A large number of railroad men were present at the meeting and when the record of President Wilson was mentioned, particularly the passage of the Adamson eight-hour law, the speaker's voice was drowned in a tumult of applause.

Following the speaking a reception was held for the speakers, which lasted for some time.

WIFE FILES COMPLAINT CHARGING DESERTION

Mrs. May Jeffers Seeks to Have Law
Make Husband, Edward A. Jeffers,
Support Family

Edward A. Jeffers, a plumber by trade, is under arrest as the result of an information sworn out against him by his wife, Mrs. May Jeffers, charging him with wife and child desertion. Jeffers is out on \$500 bonds. His case will be heard Friday morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Berry of the county court.

The information charges that Jeffers unlawfully and without good cause abandoned his wife and family and neglected and refused to maintain or provide for them. Besides the wife the family consists of four children, Fay, Ray, Roy and Frank.

According to Mrs. Jeffers, the husband and father sent her to Grand Island, Nebr., about two months ago on the pretense that he would buy her a boarding or rooming house. Mrs. Jeffers prior to her return to Alliance this week had been employed in a steam laundry at Grand Island. On two occasions she is said to have attempted to get assistance from her husband without results. Jeffers was arrested by Sheriff Cox.

There seems to be a possibility, according to reports, that other charges may be filed later.

JOHN SNYDER HONORED BY NEBRASKA I. O. O. F.

Encampment Held at Lincoln Ended
Tuesday—Alliance Is Well
Remembered

John Snyder of Alliance was appointed grand guard at the grand encampment of the Nebraska Odd Fellows held at Lincoln and which closed Tuesday. The session is reported to have been one of the most successful held in years. The attendance was larger than usual and more pepper was shown in pushing through the business. Officers for the ensuing year elected were:

Grand Patriarch, George E. Turkington, Omaha; Grand Senior Warden, E. J. Farr, Blair; Grand High Priest, A. P. Hansen, Omaha; Grand Scribe, I. P. Gage, Fremont; Grand Treasurer, F. B. Bryant, Omaha; Grand Senior Warden, J. Guy Swope, North Platte; Grand Representative, L. E. Coy, Paxton; Grand Representative, I. P. Gage, Fremont.

The appointive officers are: N. E. Welch, Lincoln, grand marshal; W. F. Groves, Superior, grand sentinel; John Snyder, Alliance, grand guard.

Are you giving your share to the Commercial Club budget?

SHORTAGE OF CARS WILL TIE UP POTATO SHIPMENTS FOR A WEEK

Many Tubers Stored in Pits and Others Will Be Placed in Storage
Cellars to Await the Arrival of Cars

Orders have been issued from the office of General Superintendent E. E. Young of the Burlington line to the effect that no more cars may be had for potato shipments for about a week. There is a shortage of cars and while the company regrets their inability to supply cars at this time there seems to be no remedy. The car shortage is general throughout the United States, not being confined to any one territory. It is expected that the situation will be relieved shortly and that potatoes stored in cellars and pits will be moved at an early date.

Many of the potatoes are stored in pits and will not be any the worse for the wait. A. E. Prugh of the office of markets and rural organizations of the United States Department of Agriculture who is stationed in Alliance at this time supervising the daily potato bulletin stated to a Herald reporter this morning that a large quantity of potatoes would probably be stored during the coming week.

To Fill Warehouses

In Alliance Beal & O'Bannon, local buyers, will fill their new warehouse with Ohio. They can handle about thirty-five cars. Albert Miller & Co. of Chicago have a potato cellar here which will accommodate about thirty-five cars of Bliss Triumphs.

At Hemingford Albert Miller & Co. have two cellars with a capacity of about thirty-five cars each or a total of seventy cars. Their intention has been to fill their cellars with Bliss Triumphs but it is possible they will use their space for Ohio until after the car shortage is remedied. W. H. Farrell of Minneapolis has a new cellar with a forty-five car capacity now partly filled with Bliss Triumphs. Farrell may fill with Ohio.

Snow a Protection

According to Mr. Prugh the snow of Wednesday is a protection to the potato crop as it aids materially in keeping them from freezing.

There certainly has been great activity in the potato market of late. Two thousand bushels of Bliss Triumphs were sold at public auction on the streets of Hemingford Monday afternoon at \$1.25 a bushel. This is the first time in the history of the potato growing industry that such a price has been reached at public sale.

The Spud Special

The trusty old Ford of County Agent Stedley which carries himself and A. E. Prugh, the representative of the federal office of markets, thru the potato section, has become known as the "Spud Special." An incident is cited of how the special is regarded by the farmers as the salvation of the potato marketing troubles. Monday in Hemingford buyers were reporting a declining market and would only pay 90 to 92 cents. Some of the farmers sold at these figures, but others waited for the "Spud Special" and the potato bulletin. Farmers surrounded the car when the bulletins were distributed and soon learned that Kansas City reported an advancing market. The market closed that afternoon at \$1.05.

Fifty-one cars were shipped out of Nebraska yesterday making a total of 1,409 cars to and including October 18.

Following is the potato market as reported this morning by the local branch of the federal office of markets:

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Abbreviations used: Gen, generally; cond, condition; mkt, market.

Buying prices at shipping points: Hemingford, Nebr.: Wednesday, blizzard; 25 above zero; arrival empty cars indefinite; Ohio receipts light; mkt unsettled; demand moderate; some undersized, gen good; some scabby; bulk ungraded 95c to \$1.06 bu.; whites bulk \$1; Triumph seed cellar stored; mkt advancing; demand brisk; field run; gen good cond; \$1.15-1.20 bu.

Alliance: Ohio, bulk, ungraded \$1 to \$1.10 bu. according to quality. Idaho Falls, Idaho: Rain, clearing Wednesday; receipts light; mkt excited; demand speculative; good condition; rural \$1.60-1.70; Russets \$1.65-1.75 sacked hundred.

Monte Vista, Colo.: Wednesday, clear, pleasant; receipts light; a car shortage; mkt advancing; demand good; Brown Beauties, Pearls \$1.65; Russets \$1.70 sacked, per hundred lbs.

Moorhead, Minn.: Wednesday cold and unsettled, snowing; mkt advancing; demand good; receipts light; Red River Ohio, good qual and con, ungraded, bulk, 95c to \$1.07 bu.; graded, sacked \$1-1.05 bu.; few sales; no relief in sight car shortage.

Kimball, Nebr.: Tuesday, unofficial report; Pearls \$1.62-1.70, few \$1.75 hundred lbs.

Presque Isle, Maine: Monday; shipments light; Mountains \$1.07-1.09 bushel.

Nebraska carlot shipments Wednesday (destinations): Irrigated section—Aurora, 1; Lincoln, 2; Kansas City, 1; Omaha, 3; Sidney, 1; Valparaiso, 1; Wilsonville, 1. Dry land section—Alta-

mont, Mo., 2; Aurora, 2; Boone, Ia., 3; Centerville, Ia., 1; Concordia, Kan., 2; Des Moines, Ia., 1; Exeter, 1; Fremont, 2; Grand Island, 1; Herrick, S. D., 1; Lincoln, 2; Norton, Kan., 1; Omaha, 14; St. Joseph, Mo., 1; Salem, Ia., 1; Seward, 1; Sioux City, Ia., 2; Superior, 1; Nebr. diversions: Wednesday; Aurora to Dawson, 1; Garden, Platte, Ill., 1; Sterling, Ill., 1; Reilly, Ill., 1; Humeston, Ia., 1; Bartley, 1; West Liberty, 1.

Telegraphic reports from Wednesday's markets. Jobbing prices unless otherwise stated.

Omaha: Cold, wet; 5 cars Nebr., 2 Idaho, 1 Colo. arrived; Nebraskas mkt active; fair quality; bulk \$1.20; sacked \$1.25 bu.; Idaho and Colo. mkt active; qual good, \$1.35 bu. sacked in carlots.

Kansas City: Cold, clear; 7 cars Minn., 4 Nebr., 1 Idaho, 1 Colo., unloaded 1 Idaho, 4 Minn., 4 N. D., 2 Colo., 2 Idaho, 2 Mont., 4 Nebr. held on track; market strong; demand far exceeds supply. Gen good qual, fair cond; Red Rivers and Western Russet Burbanks, \$1.35-1.40; mostly \$1.35; Nebraskas Ohio fair qual and cond \$1.30-1.35 per bu. sacked carlots.

Denver: Cold, cloudy, snow last night; mkt firm; demand slow; 50 cars arrived; unloaded 6; diverted 34; Northern Colo. sacked \$1.85 hundred; Western Colo. sacked \$2.10 per hundred.

PRESENT ERA ONE OF GREATEST PROSPERITY

Farmers Doing Well—Never so General or Widespread a Period of
Good Times, Congress Told

Indianapolis, Ind. — Prosperity, preparedness and conditions, including the Adamson eight-hour law, were among the subjects discussed by H. E. Stockbridge, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the farmers' national congress at the opening session of the thirty-sixth annual meeting here Tuesday. In part he said:

"The American farmer has never seen so general or widespread a period of agricultural prosperity as that of the present year. Though the farmer may still fail to receive his fair share of the consumer's dollar, the milk producers of New York, the wheat growers of Minnesota, the hog raisers of the corn belt and the cotton growers of the south are too busy counting profits to worry much over the other fact."

"We are told by misinformed parties that the farmer is a mere incidental beneficiary from the general prosperity resulting from the foreign war demand for American products. Careful study, however, shows no such justification for such assertion. It is primarily the products of our soil which have made profits for our merchants, and have overburdened our transportation facilities. Those who have argued to the contrary have simply mistaken effect for cause."

STRIKING CLOSED CAR

W. D. Rumer, distributor for the Crow-Elkhart Motor Company, announced today the creation of a more than ordinarily striking closed car by the latter concern.

The new car consists of the standard Crow-Elkhart touring model plus a beautiful winter top that in a few moments time can be fitted on to the regular car body.

The new winter top is built in the shops of the Crow-Elkhart Motor Company at Elkhart, Ind., in its entirety. The upholstery is dignified and bears close resemblance to high grade limousines.

Owing to the fact that the winter top is made from sawed white ash and the fact that the pieces are fitted in at white heat, together with the placing of felt between the wood and metal parts, any possibilities of squeaking are entirely eliminated.

TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE GARDEN CLUB

Professor Pugsley of the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service conferred with Superintendent of School Pate and the members of the school board while here the first of the week with the result that it was decided to continue the school gardening as a part of the accredited work in the Alliance schools.

Superintendent Pate and others who are familiar with the work gave most favorable reports on the results accomplished. The opinion of those in attendance at the conference was to the effect that the number of gardens in the city exclusive of those used in the club work had been increased fully fifty per cent through the efforts of the club. Never before has the city been so well supplied with green stuff and it is expected that the showing of this year will be nothing compared to the one to be made the coming year.